ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME DIVISION OF COMMERCIAL FISHERIES

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KODIAK COMMERCIAL SALMON FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT # 29 For Emergency Order #4-FS-K-28-12

The Cape Igvak Section of the Mainland District will be <u>extended</u> for 24-hours from 12:01 a.m. Monday July 16 until 12:01 a.m. Tuesday July 17.

There will be a commercial salmon fishing period in the following sections of the **Alitak District** at the following dates and times:

- The Olga Bay Section, from 6:00 a.m. Monday, July 16 to 9:00 a.m. Wednesday, July 18;
- The Moser Bay Section, from noon Monday, July 16 to 3:00 p.m. Wednesday, July 18;
- The Alitak Bay Section, from 6:00 p.m. Monday, July 16 to 9:00 p.m. Wednesday, July18; and,
- The Cape Alitak Section from 6:00 a.m. Tuesday, July 17 to 9:00 a.m. Thursday, July 19.

As Previously Announced:

The Inner Ayakulik Section of the Southwest Kodiak District will close at noon Sunday, July 15.

The Mainland District, north of Cape Aklek will close at 9:00 p.m. Sunday July 15.

The following areas will **close** at **9:00 p.m. Monday July 16**:

- The Outer Ayakulik, Halibut Bay, and Outer Karluk sections of the Southwest Kodiak District;

- The Northwest Kodiak District, (except the Kizhuyak Section remains closed);
- The **Afognak District** (except the **Inner Kitoi**, **Outer Kitoi**, and **Izhut Bay sections** remain closed);
- The **Eastside Kodiak District**:
- The Northeast Kodiak District.
- The Foul Bay Special Harvest Area; and
- The Waterfall Bay Special Harvest Area.

From the latitude of Cape Kuliuk in the Northwest Kodiak District to the latitude of Low Cape in the Southwest Kodiak District, Chinook (king) salmon 28 inches or greater in length <u>may be retained</u> by commercial seine gear beginning at noon Friday, July 13 <u>until</u> further notice.

The following area will remain **open until further notice**:

- The Spiridon Bay Special Harvest Area;

Closed waters will be **reduced until 9:00 p.m. Monday July 16**:

- In **Foul Bay** to the stream terminus at Hidden Lake Creek (stream #251-406);
- In **Waterfall Bay** to the stream terminus at Little Waterfall Creek (stream #251-822) and to the stream terminus at Big Waterfall Creek (stream #251-821).

Concerning the North Shelikof Strait Fishery:

Short notice, inperiod closures may occur for seine fisheries in the Seaward Zones of the North Shelikof Strait area, as designated in the North Shelikof Strait Sockeye Salmon Management Plan (5 AAC 18.363). Closure announcements may occur at 8:30 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 2:00 p.m., 5:00 p.m., or 8:30 p.m., on Single Side Band frequency 3.230 MHz and VHF channel 6.

Other closed waters are as shown on the Kodiak Area Salmon Statistical Chart and detailed in the Commercial Salmon Fishing Regulations (5AAC 18.350).

Statistical Charts, Harvest Strategies, and Commercial Salmon Fishing Regulations are available at the Kodiak Fish and Game office. Recent salmon fishery information may be obtained by calling the Department's 24-hour record-a-phone at 486-4559.